



Supplementary Material for

Internalization of *Salmonella* by Macrophages Induces Formation of Nonreplicating Persisters

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Materials and Methods:

Bacterial strains and plasmids. The *S. Typhimurium* strains used in this study were wild- type 12023s and its mutant derivatives (Table S1). All *S. Typhimurium* strains used for fluorescence experiments harboured the pFCcGi (3), pDiGc or pDiGi FD plasmids (4) and fully aerated growth media (rich medium was Luria Bertani (LB) for Colony Forming Unit (CFU) assays and minimum medium was MgMES (8) for Fluorescence Dilution (FD) assays) were supplemented with 0.2% L-arabinose or 0.5 mM isopropyl β -D-1-thiogalactopyranoside (IPTG) to allow production of fluorescent proteins. The *E. coli* strain used was wild-type MG1655.

Bacterial mutagenesis. *S. Typhimurium* mutant strains were constructed using a one-step λ Red recombinase chromosomal inactivation system (1). Plasmids pKD3 or pKD4 were used as the template to amplify the chloramphenicol (cm) or kanamycin (km) resistance gene, respectively, and amplification reaction products were transferred into pKD46-containing bacteria expressing λ Red recombinase by electroporation (1). To verify that the phenotypes were not due to secondary mutations, independent mutagenesis was conducted (Fig. S9).

Mouse infections. Mice (6-12 week old, C57 Bl6, BALB/c or 129SV *slc11a*+) were inoculated intragastrically with 200 μ L of 3% NaHCO₃ in phosphate buffered saline (PBS) containing 2 x 10¹⁰ CFU of single strain or combined wild-type and mutant strains (Competitive Index (CI)) at a ratio of 1:1. Bacterial inocula were prepared by 3 h sub-culture in rich LB medium to reach mid-exponential growth phase prior to mice gavage. When indicated, mice received enrofloxacin in drinking water (2 g/L). For experiments done in the absence of enrofloxacin treatment and where mice were sacrificed after 6 days p.i. (CI and Fig. 1D), 2 x 10⁸ CFU were inoculated intragastrically. Mice were sacrificed at different times p.i. and Peyer's Patches (PP), Mesenteric Lymph Nodes (MLNs), and spleens were collected, homogenised using the plastic end of a 5 ml pipette in sterile petri dishes, then passed through the mesh of a 100 μ m cell strainer (BD Falcon) in 20 ml of Lysis buffer (0.3% Triton X-100 in 20% PBS). Cell suspensions in Lysis buffer were vortexed vigorously to ensure efficient host cell lysis then centrifuged at 5,000 g for 10 min at 4°C. Bacterial pellets were resuspended in PBS and either plated for CFU enumeration or fixed in 1% paraformaldehyde (PFA) for 10 min at RT prior to Flow Cytometry analysis. For all CI experiments, at least 100 recovered bacteria were patched onto LB or LB containing km (50

1 µg/ml) plates to determine the relative proportions of WT and mutant strains.

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3 **Flow cytometry analysis.** Samples were acquired on a FACSCalibur cytometer (Becton
4 Dickinson (BD)) using Cell Quest Pro software or on a LSRFortessa cytometer (BD) using
5 FACSDiva software. Fluorophores were excited at 488 nm, 532 nm or 561 nm, where
6 appropriate. On the FACSCalibur, green and red fluorescence were detected at 510/20 nm and
7 595/20 nm, respectively. On the LSRFortessa, green fluorescence was detected at 530/30 nm, red
8 fluorescence at 610/20 nm. Data were analysed with FlowJo Software version 8.6.6. (TreeStar,
9 Inc.). To analyse fluorescence dilution, bacteria were identified after gating on the constitutive
10 fluorophore-positive signal. The extent of replication of the population (F, fold replication) was
11 calculated by the ratio: Y_o/Y_t (where Y is the geometric mean of diluted fluorescence intensity
12 of the bacterial population at a specific time) (4).

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14 **Live imaging microscopy.** For visualization of regrowth of non-replicating bacteria isolated
15 from MLNs of infected mice, microscope slides were prepared as described in (2). A total of 31
16 non-replicating bacteria was observed, out of which 30 resumed growth. For experiments to
17 assess the effect of antibiotic on replicating and non-replicating bacteria, bone marrow-derived
18 macrophages (BMM) were seeded onto 35 mm glass-bottom culture dishes (at a density of $1 \times$
19 10^5 cells per dish) (MatTek, Ashland, MA), 16–20 h before infection. Cells were infected with *S.*
20 Typhimurium 12023 containing pDiGc as described in (3). Before imaging, cells were washed
21 and then incubated in imaging medium (6) containing 100 µg/ml of cefotaxime. Bacteria were
22 imaged using a Zeiss Axiovert 200 M microscope (Carl Zeiss, AG, Germany) (6). Volocity
23 software (Improvision) was used for both recording and image processing.

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25 **Cell culture and BMM infection.** Primary BMM were extracted from C57 Bl/6 mice (Charles
26 River), C57 Bl/6 *gp91/phox*^{-/-} mice or 129SV *slc11a*⁺ mice, grown and infected as described in
27 (3) with stationary phase bacteria grown overnight in fully aerated LB medium (CFU assays) or
28 MgMES (FD assays) at an Multiplicity Of Infection (MOI) of 5-10. Gentamicin was not added to
29 the infection medium with the exception of Fig. 2A (green kinetics), Fig. 2D, Fig. 4D and Fig.
30 S7. Where indicated, BMM were pre-activated 16 h prior to infection with 0.1 µg/ml IFN-γ
31 (Invitrogen) or pre-treated with 0.1 µg/ml Latrunculin B, 0.5 µM Cytochalasin D or 0.5 µM

Bafilomycin A1 resuspended in DMSO (Sigma), for 30 min prior infection. Measurement of BMM lysosomal Cathepsin B activity using Magic Red-RR was carried out as described in (5).

Persister assays. For quantification of persisters in LB or minimal medium stationary phase bacteria grown overnight in LB medium were inoculated directly (1/400 dilution) in fresh LB medium containing cefotaxime (100 µg/ml), ciprofloxacin (1 µg/ml), gentamicin (50 µg/ml) or different combinations thereof, and grown up to 24 h at 37°C with aeration. Where indicated, stationary phase bacteria from overnight cultures were pre-exposed to 8 mM Serine Hydroxamate (SHX) in LB medium or acidified LB medium (pH 4.5) for 30 min prior to transfer to fresh LB medium (pH 7.2) containing antibiotics. Macrophage-induced persisters were recovered as follows: after 30 min infection of BMM with stationary phase bacteria grown overnight in LB medium (3), BMM were lysed and intracellular bacteria collected, washed once in PBS and resuspended in fresh LB medium containing various antibiotics. The fold increase in persisters caused by internalization in BMM was quantified by calculating the ratio of percentage of survival of the BMM-exposed population over that of the same population used for the BMM inoculum, subsequently grown only in LB medium containing antibiotics (LB persisters).

Metabolic activity assays. GFP-induced *Salmonella* 12023 carrying pDiGi were used to infect BMM in the absence of IPTG to allow for GFP dilution. Cefotaxime (200 µg/ml) was added to the infection medium 30 min p.i. in the absence of gentamicin to kill replicating bacteria. After 24, 48 or 72 h of infection, arabinose was added to the infection medium and DsRed was measured 4 h later by Flow Cytometry. To measure regrowth of non-replicating bacteria, BMM were lysed to release bacteria; these were washed once in PBS prior to inoculation into fresh LB medium or infection of naïve BMM.

Quantitative reverse transcriptase PCR. Intracellular bacteria were harvested following 30 min infection of 5×10^7 BMM for RNA extraction (Qiagen RNeasy mini kit). 500 ng of RNA was used to synthesize complementary DNA (cDNA) (QuantiTect RT kit, Qiagen). 0.5 µl of cDNA was used in qPCRs (SybrGreen PCR master mix, Applied biosystems) containing 0.2 µM gene-specific primers. The cycle threshold (Ct) value was determined as the number of cycles necessary to reach a significant increase in the emission intensity of the SybR Green reporter

dye. Data are represented as relative amounts of mRNA normalized to a 16S control.

Statistical analysis. Statistical differences were determined using a one-tailed Student *t*-Test on the means of at least three independent experiments. Probability values of less than 0.05, 0.01 and 0.005 were used to show statistically significant differences and are represented with *, ** or *** respectively.

Fig. S1. Identification of *Salmonella* in animal tissue-derived samples by Flow Cytometry. Flow cytometric detection of pre-induced bacterial cells carrying pFCcGi (constitutive mCherry, inducible GFP) in either inoculum (top panels), uninfected murine Peyer's Patches (middle panels) or released from infected Peyer's Patches (lower panels). Bacterial cells were identified by first gating on events with similar FSC and SSC properties to *Salmonella*, followed by a second gating on particles emitting high levels of red fluorescence. Green fluorescence dilution was analysed to measure bacterial replication.

Fig. S2. Log percentage survival after 24 h of cef treatment of LB medium-grown bacteria, or bacteria within C57 Bl6 or 129SV (*slc11a*+) BMM, IFN- γ activated or not, for 24 h or 30 min followed by transfer to LB medium. Data represent the mean \pm SEM and were analysed by comparison with LB medium using a Student's *t* test. * $P < 0.05$; **, $P < 0.01$ and ***, $P < 0.001$.

Fig. S3. Experimental design of assessment of metabolic activity and regrowth of persisters, analysed by flow cytometry. Bacteria pre-loaded with GFP were used to infect BMM for up to 72 h. Replicating bacteria gradually lost the GFP signal and were killed by exposure to cefotaxime. Non-replicating bacteria retained green fluorescence and their metabolic status was determined by addition of DsRed inducer (arabinose). After release from BMM and transfer to LB medium for 2 h, potential regrowth was detected by fluorescence dilution.

Fig. S4. Quantification of proportion of non-replicating bacteria showing metabolic activity upon addition of inducer (production of DsRed fluorescence; red bars) and resuming growth (indicated by fluorescence dilution; grey bars), from intracellular non-replicating cells in +/- IFN- γ activated 129SV (*slc11a*+) BMM over time. Data represent the mean \pm SEM and were analysed using a Student's *t* test. * $P < 0.05$ and ***, $P < 0.001$.

Fig. S5. Efficiency of drugs used to inhibit BMM processes. **(A)** Localisation of bacteria after treatment of BMM with Latrunculin B (LatB) or Cytochalasin D (CytD) prior to infection and compared to untreated BMM. **(B)** Reduced lysosomal enzyme activity was quantified by measuring fluorescent cleavage product of Cathepsin B substrate Magic Red-RR in BMM, after treatment of BMM with NH_4Cl or Bafilomycin A1 (BafA1) and normalised to untreated BMM. Data represent the mean \pm SEM.

Fig. S6. **(A)** Log percentage survival of LB medium-grown WT *Salmonella* or Δlon mutant strain after 5 h of cefotaxime (cef) or ciprofloxacin (cip) treatment. **(B)** Log percentage survival of minimum medium-grown WT *Salmonella* or Δlon mutant strain after 24 h of cef treatment. Data represent the mean \pm SEM.

Fig. S7. **(A)** Fold increase in mRNA levels for each candidate toxin/antitoxin gene pair in WT (orange bars) or $\Delta relAspoT$ mutant (black bars) strains of *Salmonella* after 30 min internalization in BMM relative to levels in LB medium-grown bacteria. **(B)** Fold increase in mRNA levels of each candidate toxin gene in WT *Salmonella* following 30 min exposure to SHX (red bars) or pH shift (grey bars) from 7.0 to 4.5, relative to levels in LB medium-grown bacteria. Data represent the mean \pm SEM.

Fig. S8. Fold replication of WT or single TA module mutant strains in BMM, measured by FD (4). Data represent the mean \pm SEM and were analysed by comparison with WT *Salmonella* using a Student's *t* test. ** $P < 0.01$.

Fig. S9. Formation of macrophage-induced persisters caused by 30 min internalization in BMM, of WT or single TA module mutant strains of *Salmonella* obtained from independent mutagenesis experiment. Data represent the mean \pm SEM and were analysed by comparison with WT *Salmonella* using a Student's *t* test. * $P < 0.05$; **, $P < 0.01$; ***, $P < 0.001$ and ns, not significant.

Fig. S10. Model depicting alternative fates of bacteria in response to vacuolar stress. Following phagocytosis, *Salmonella* is exposed to acidification and nutrient deprivation within the lumen of the SCV. These signals induce expression of virulence genes including those encoding the SPI-2 T3SS. They also lead, *via* the stringent response, to the activation of 14 TA modules whose up-regulation induces the formation of non-replicating persistent bacteria.

Table S1

<i>S. Typhimurium</i> 12023 strains		
Name	Description	Source or Reference
wild-type	12023 <i>S. Typhimurium</i> wild-type	NTCC
Δlon	$\Delta lon::cm$	This study
$\Delta relA/\Delta spoT$	$\Delta relA::km/\Delta spoT::cm$	(7)
$\Delta relBE1$	$\Delta relBE1::km$	This study
$\Delta relBE2$	$\Delta relBE2::km$	This study
$\Delta relBE3$	$\Delta relBE3::km$	This study
$\Delta relBE4$	$\Delta relBE4::km$	This study
$\Delta relBE5$	$\Delta relBE5::km$	This study
$\Delta TA6$	$\Delta TA6::km$	This study
$\Delta TA8$	$\Delta TA8::km$	This study
$\Delta TA9$	$\Delta TA9::km$	This study
$\Delta shpAB$	$\Delta shpAB::km$	This study
$\Delta parDE$	$\Delta parDE::km$	This study
$\Delta higBA1$	$\Delta higBA1::km$	This study
$\Delta higBA2$	$\Delta higBA2::km$	This study
$\Delta vapBC$	$\Delta vapBC::km$	This study
$\Delta phd/doc$	$\Delta phd/doc::km$	This study
Plasmids		
Name	Description	Source or Reference
pKD3	PCR template plasmid with Cm resistance cassette (cm ^R)	(1)
pKD4	PCR template plasmid with Km resistance cassette (km ^R)	(1)
pKD46	Plasmid encoding arabinose-inducible λ -Red recombinase	(1)
pFCcGi	<i>rpsM::mCherry</i> and <i>P_{BAD}::gfpmut3a</i> promoter fusions	(3)
pDiGi	<i>P_{LAC}::gfpmut3a</i> and <i>P_{BAD}::mCherry</i> promoter fusions	(4)
pDiGc	<i>rpsM::gfpmut3a</i> and <i>P_{BAD}::dsRed</i> promoter fusions in pBAD18	(44)

1 **Table S1. List of strains and plasmids used in this study.** Abbreviations: Carb, carbenicillin;
2 Km, kanamycin; Cm, chloramphenicol
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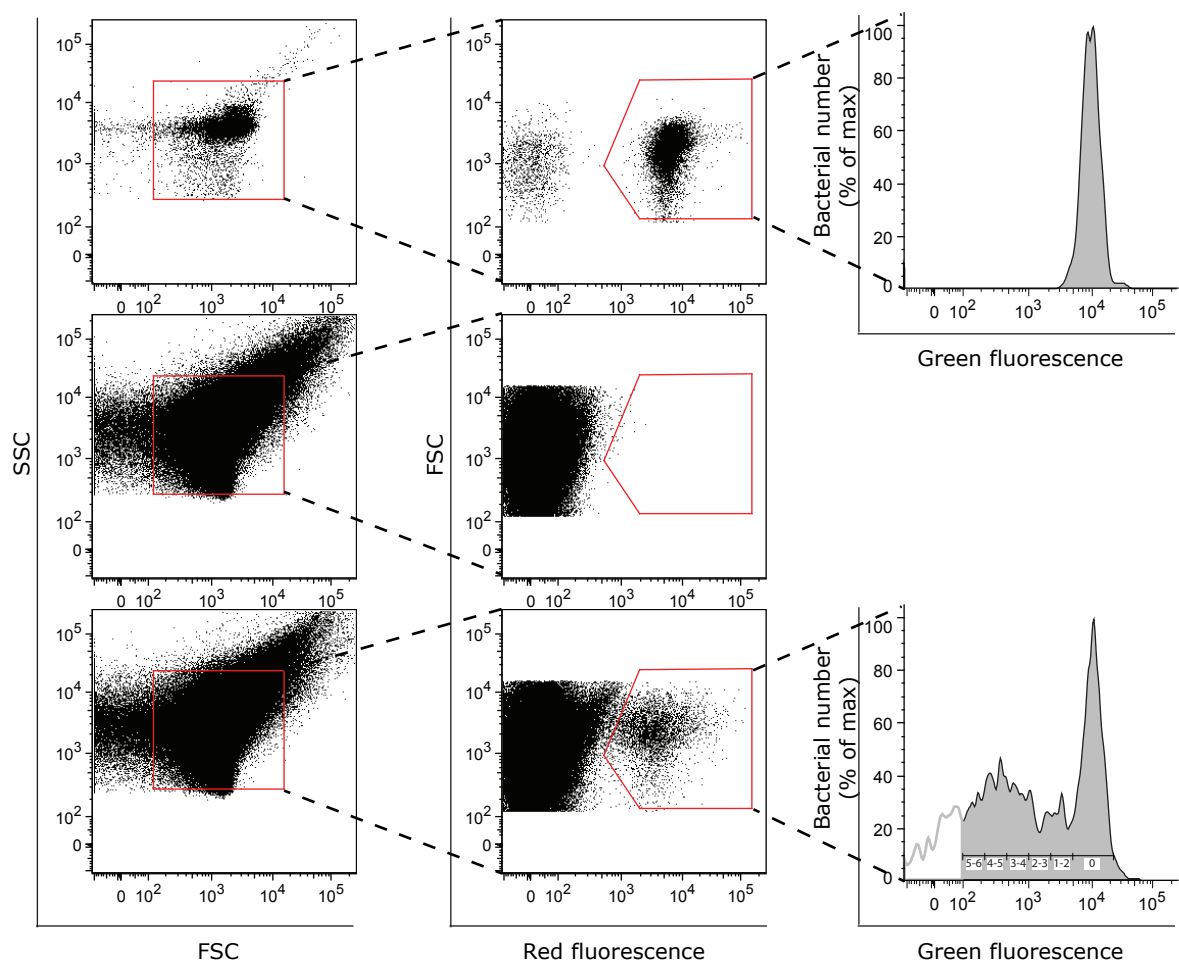


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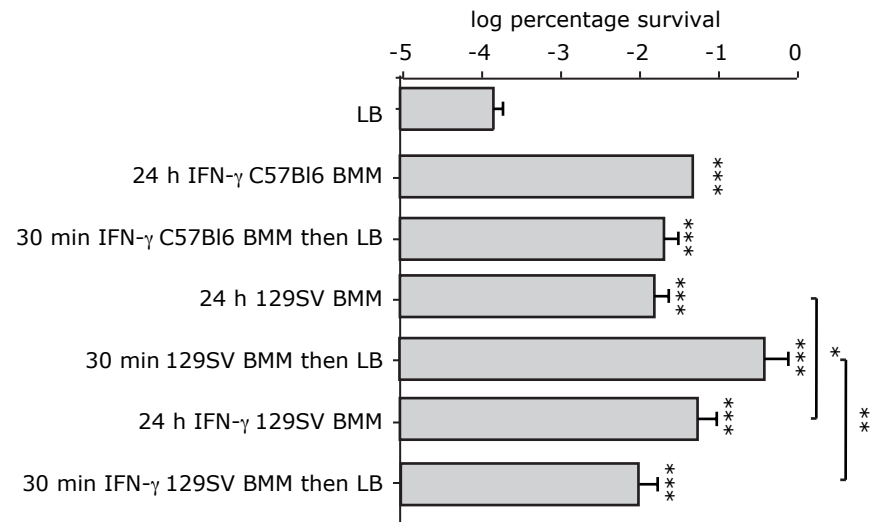


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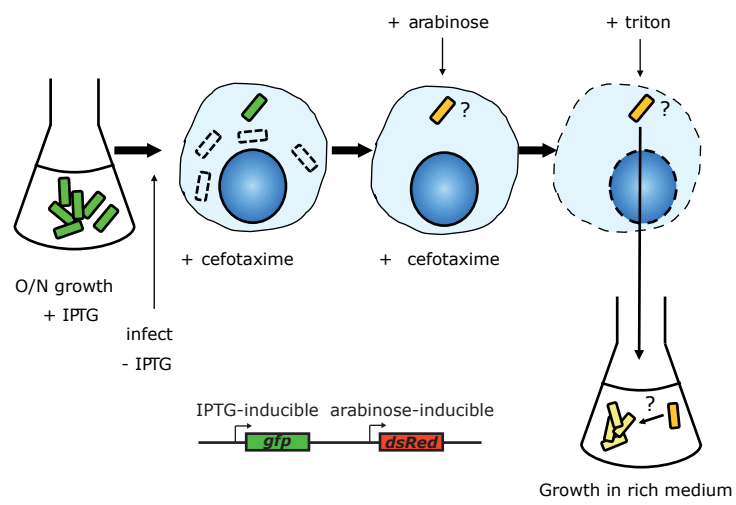


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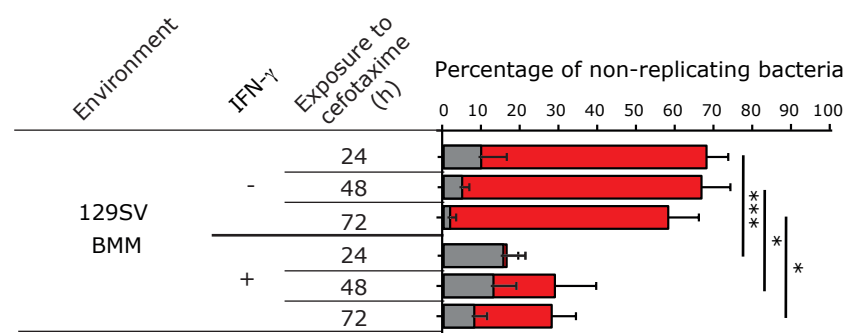


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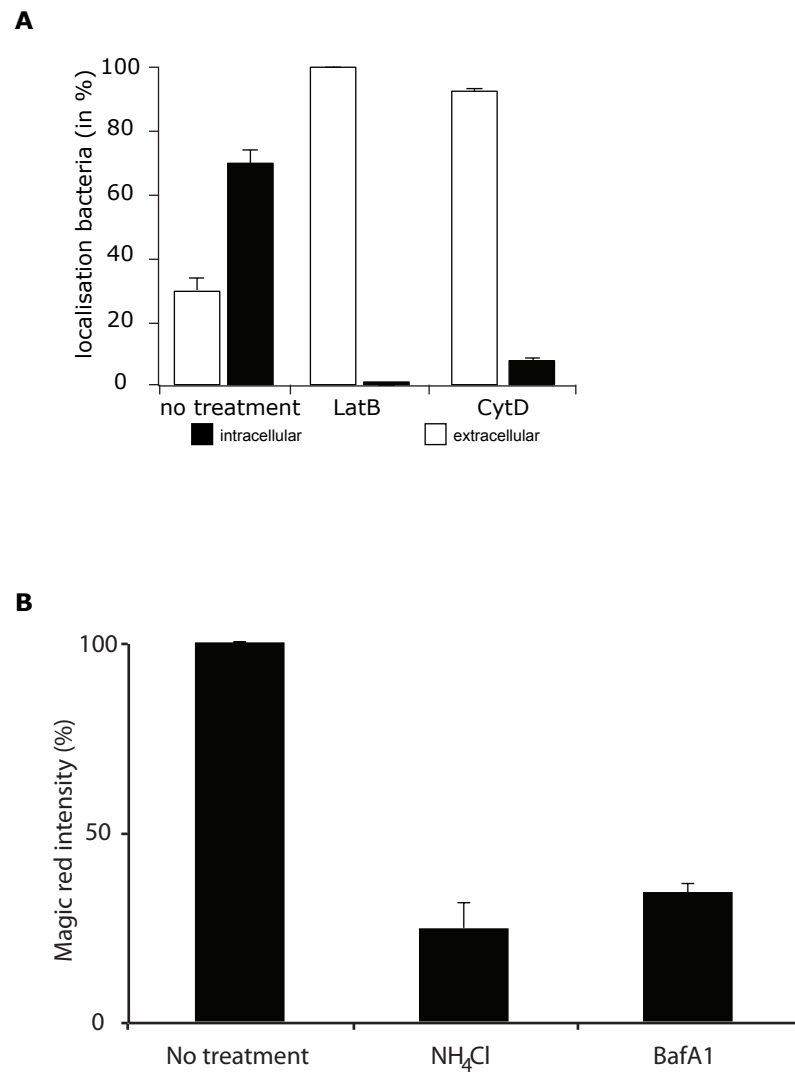


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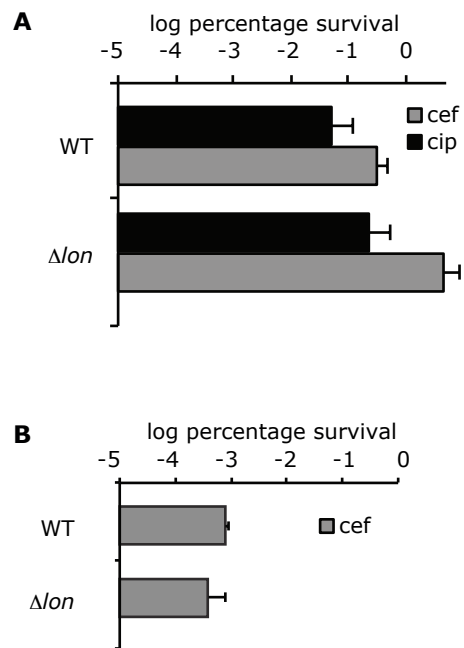


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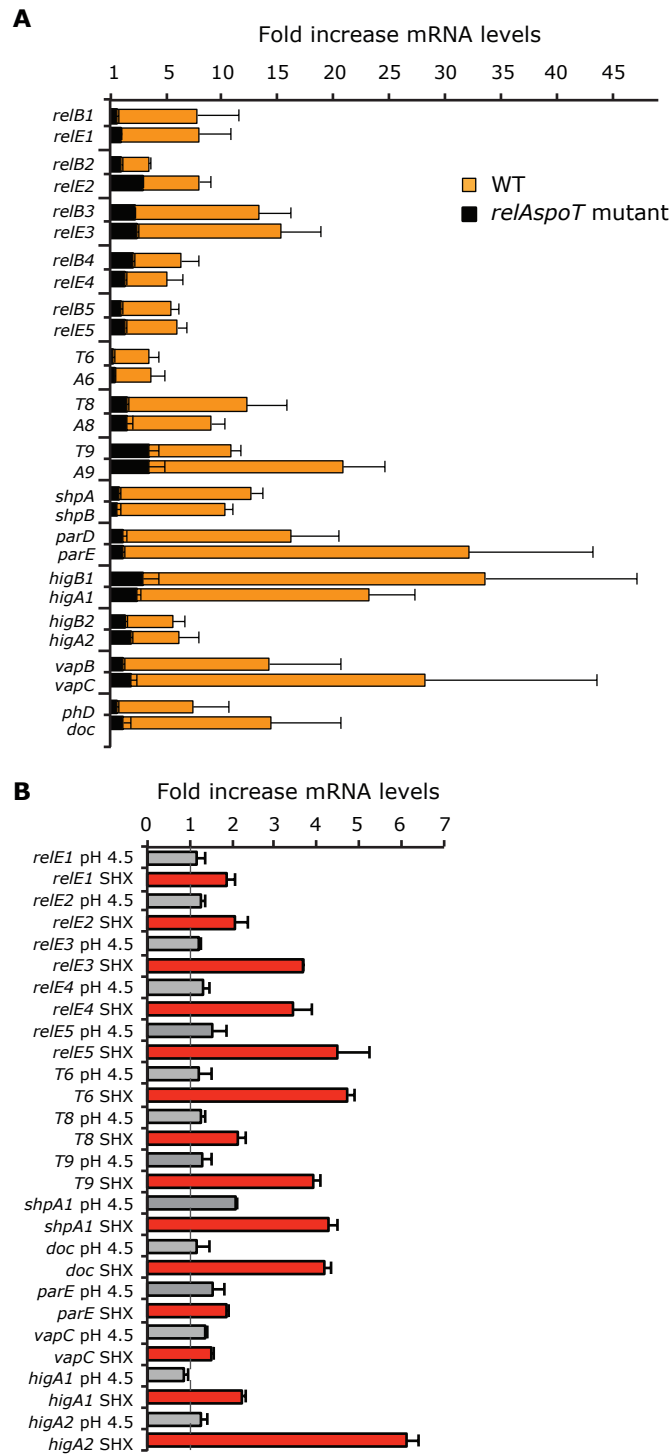


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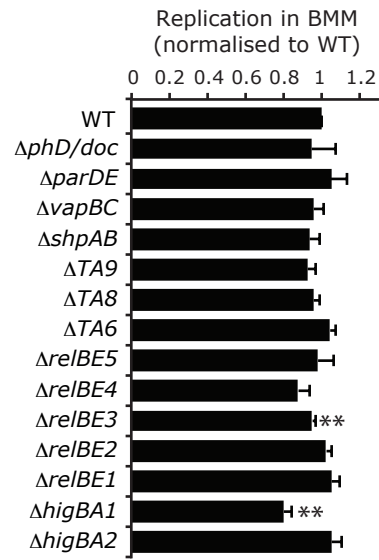


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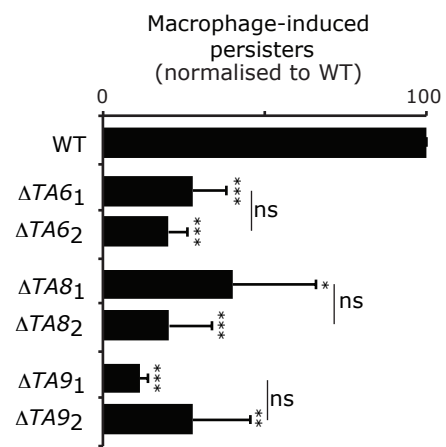


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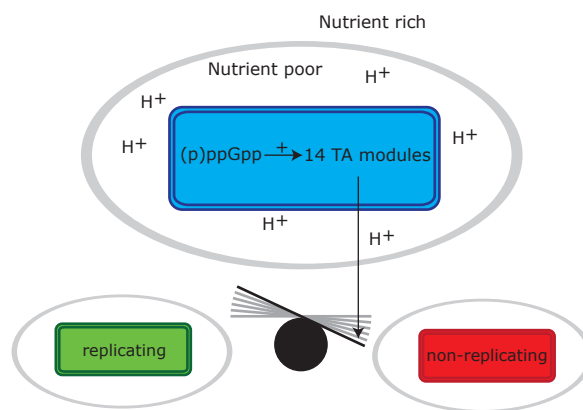


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